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**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The Applicants wish to make of record the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are of record in prior application U.S. Serial No. 09/431,223, filed on November 1, 1999, where required, as were either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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- ☐ Attached is a list of Applicants' pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with Form PTO-1449.

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